

Report to the North West London Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee – 19 March 2026

North West London Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee 2025/26 Work Programme

No. of Appendices:	1 Appendix 1: North West London JHOSC 2025/26 Work Programme
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the North West London Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee's (NWL JHOSC) 2025/26 Work Programme to the committee.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That:

The committee note the changes since July 2025 and confirm the committee's work programme outlined in Appendix 1.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The North West London Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee's work programme outlines the decisions and health policy areas the committee plans to review during the municipal year, according to its Terms of Reference. The committee's principal role is: To scrutinise the plans for meeting the health needs of the population and arranging for the provision of health services in North West London; in particular the implementation plans and actions by the North West Integrated Care System and their Integrated Care Board, focusing on aspects affecting the whole of North West London. Taking a wider view than might normally be taken by individual local authorities
- 3.2 The NWL JHOSC undertakes 4 formal committee meetings each municipal year. Though there is scope for other scrutiny activities to take place throughout the year, at the chair's discretion.

- 3.3 The NWL JHOSC is formed of Councillors from the 8 Boroughs of North West London: Brent, Ealing Harrow, Hammersmith & Fulham, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kensington and Chelsea, and Westminster. The committee also has a non-voting representative from the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.
- 3.4 The committee held its annual work programming meeting on 10 June 2025. During this meeting the committee undertook a process of prioritising items for inclusion in its work programme based on a set of criteria. Prioritisation is considered best practice by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) and is an effective tool for a scrutiny committee to develop a coherent work plan for the year¹, which ensures that the work of the NWL JHOSC is effective.
- 3.5 The committee's updated work programme for the 2025/26 municipal year is detailed in Appendix 1.
- 3.6 There is a possibility that the committee's work programme may change during the municipal year. This is so that the committee can work flexibly to review emerging items as they arise. It is imagined that the work programme will evolve over the municipal year, according to the committee's needs. At times it may also be necessary to move items from a particular committee date for practical reasons, in these cases the work programme will be updated, and a new version will be presented at the next formal NWL JHOSC meeting. The following amendments set out in this report reflect this:
- An additional agenda item to discuss the Planned Temporary Move of Specialist Children's Heart, Lung, and Critical Care Inpatient Services has been added to the work programme. This discussion will take place at the Committee meeting on 19 March 2026.
 - An additional agenda item to discuss Transforming the Crystal House Specialist LD CAMHS Ward has been added to the work programme. This discussion will take place at the Committee meeting on 19 March 2026.
 - The following items have been deferred to the 2026/27 municipal year:
 - Digital Health, Data Use, AI and Digital Inclusion
 - Weight Loss Drug Supply and Roll Out
 - The Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday 19 March 2026 will now be hosted by the London Borough of Brent and not the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham as previously announced.

¹ *The Good Scrutiny Guide* (Centre for Public Scrutiny, June 2019), p26

North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2025/26

The North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme is designed to be flexible and adaptable to the needs of the Committee; it is therefore likely that items may change over the municipal year.

Confirmed Meeting Dates:

- Thursday 17 July 2025, 10am – London Borough of Hillingdon
- Tuesday 09 September 2025, 10am – London Borough of Harrow (rescheduled to 18 November 2025)
- Tuesday 09 December 2025, 10am – London Borough of Hounslow
- Thursday 16 March 2026, 10am – London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham

Thursday 17 July 2025

Agenda Item	NHS Organisations	Host Borough
Maternity provisions in NWL including outcomes and equity across the region	North West London Integrated Care System	London Borough of Hillingdon
Adult Mental Health	North West London Integrated Care System	London Borough of Hillingdon
Reconfiguration of ICB and implications on services	North West London Integrated Care System	London Borough of Hillingdon

Tuesday 09 September 2025 (rescheduled to 18 November 2025)

Agenda Item	NHS Organisations	Host Borough
Dentist Commissioning and Children's Dental Health	North West London Integrated Care System	London Borough of Harrow
The future of Place Based Partnerships delivering health and care services	North West London Integrated Care System	London Borough of Harrow
Special School Nursing	North West London Integrated Care System	London Borough of Harrow

Tuesday 09 December 2025

Agenda Item	NHS Organisations	Host Borough
Urgent and Emergency Care Delivery	North West London Integrated Care System	London Borough of Hounslow
Implementation of the Same Day Access Model in Primary Care (building on previous scrutiny in March 2024)	North West London Integrated Care System	London Borough of Hounslow
Application of the Continuing Healthcare Criteria – including specifics on funding, equity and financial implications relating to recent announcements	North West London Integrated Care System	London Borough of Hounslow
SEN Continence Service	North West London Integrated Care System	London Borough of Hounslow

Thursday 19 March 2026

Agenda Item	NHS Organisations	Host Borough
Planned Temporary Move of Specialist Children's Heart, Lung, and Critical Care Inpatient Services	North West London Integrated Care System Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust	London Borough of Brent
Cancer Prevention & Early Diagnosis Across North West London	North West London Integrated Care System NHSE	London Borough of Brent
Transforming the Crystal House Specialist LD CAMHS Ward	North West London Integrated Care System West London NHS Trust	London Borough of Brent

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